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Provincial health minister begins appointing boards

By Todd MacKay

St. Paul Journal

Elected members of local health boards will soon be a thing of the past in Alberta. Provincial Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar appointed chairs for the nine new health regions on Jan. 23. Few details were given as to the structure of the new boards though Mar made it clear board members would be appointed rather than elected in the future.

"The governance structure has yet to be finalized," says Health and Wellness spokesperson Christianne Dubnyk. "Candidates (for the new boards) will all come from existing boards.

"They'll all be appointed."

The province is considering two main structures for the new health boards, according to Lakeland Regional Health Authority (LRHA) CEO Pearl Babiuk. Babiuk explained the proposals to LRHA board members at their meeting on Jan. 22.

The first option would have small, local boards meeting regularly and advising an overarching board that would meet quarterly and administer the region as a whole, said Babiuk. The second option would simply see one overarching board.

Either way, board members and MLA's were quick to raise concerns about the government's direction.

"I have always believed in local autonomy in the running of municipalities, school boards and health authorities," said local Conservative MLA Ray Danyluk.

"But when you reformulate the boards in the middle of a term I don't think it would be the best exercise to have an election mid-stream."

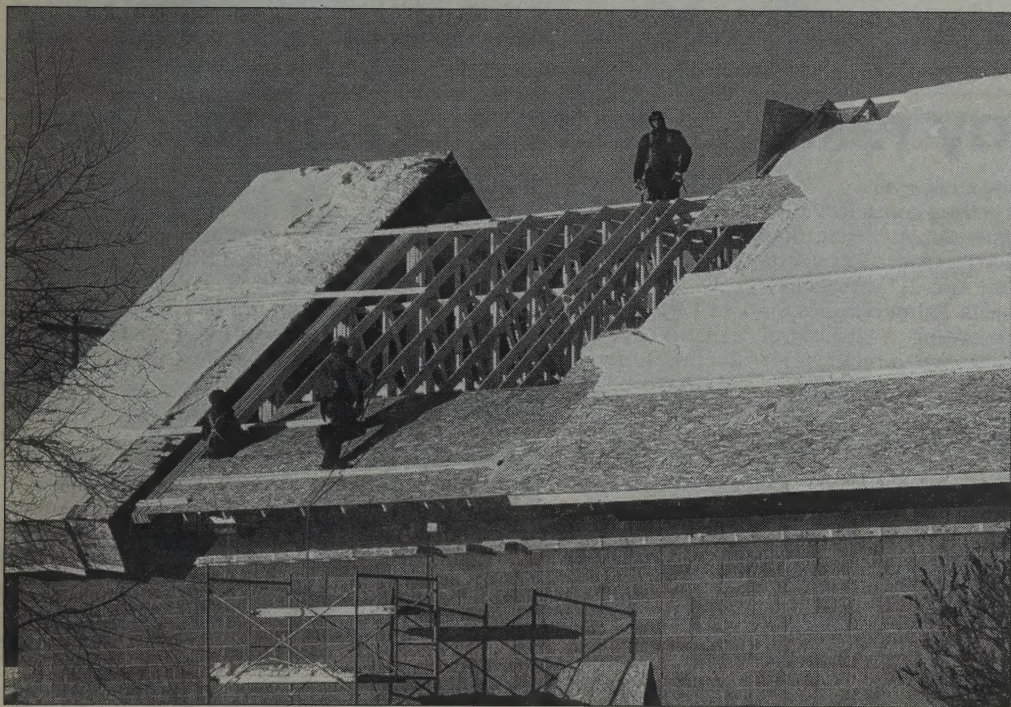
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Town hall meeting scheduled for Feb. 5

Elk Point Town Council has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting for Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in the Elks Hall. This will be an opportunity for Elk Point residents to meet with Mayor Lyle Frisby, Town Council and Town Manager Myron Goyan and discuss the issues of the day, such as the 2003 budget and future plans and projects.

"It's an opportunity for Council to find out where citizens want this community to go," Goyan says.

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AND WE THOUGHT IT WAS COLD DOWN HERE! The wind-whipped slopes of the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre roof were even colder, as reconstruction work continued despite frigid weather.

■ Up Front

Elk Point hosting 20th annual Oilmen's Bonspiel this weekend

Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel committee chair Leonard Gadowski and his crew are putting the final touches on preparations for the biggest and best Oilmen's Bonspiel in the 19-year history of the event, which starts tomorrow evening, with the first draw at 7:30 p.m.

Draws are scheduled from 7:00 a.m. until after midnight on Thursday and Friday, and until time for the banquet on Saturday night. Curling will wrap up Sunday, with the finals of all four

events beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Spectators are invited to come down to the rink and watch some top-notch curling over the weekend.

A very special part of this year's bonspiel banquet will be the presentation of the first-ever Oilman of the Year award, the recipient of which will be announced Saturday night, as part of a full weekend of activities.

The first Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel was held March 23 to 25, 1984, and was won by the Klinger's

Oilfield Services rink, the first of two championships in a row for that team. Vulcan Electric's rink won seven Grand Challenges in a 10-year stretch, from 1990 to 1999. Alchem Inc. also won two championships, with Homco, Flint Engineering, Shamrock Valley Enterprises, B & R Eckels, Newalta Corporation, Reid's Welding, Jorvik Machine Tool and Welding and Betz-Dearborn rinks all took home single championships over the years.



Sweeping down Memory Lane

In honor of the 20th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel, we are proud to present photos of the Grand Challenge winners from all 19 previous Oilmen's Bonspiels, along with a rundown on each year's winners. At left, we begin this nostalgic journey with...

1984 - 32 rinks

Gordon McCuaig presented the Heavy Oil Grand Challenge trophy from Westmin Resources to (left to right) Mel Wells, Terry Lively, Richard Klinger and Mel Klinger, who defeated the Leyen Oilfield Service foursome (front, left to right) Jim Spears, Clarence Hodgson, George Schreiber and Darwin Dean) in the final game after three days of curling. Third

place in the first event went to Alberta Perforators, with AMOCO finishing fourth.

In the Oil Sands Second Event, B & R Transport, skipped by Jim Kosh, won the Elk Point Oilfield Service trophies for a finals win over CEDA Chemical and Research, skipped by Iver Storseth. Tarsands Steam was third and Adobe Transport fourth.

The Huff and Puff Third Event was won by FDS Oilfield Services Ltd, skipped by Elmer Goulet for the Elk Point Pump and Supply trophies. John Oryschuk skipped the John Oryschuk Trucking rink in second place, with Hi-Wood Well Service third and Doug's Welding fourth.

Turn to Pages 8 to 13 for photos and information on the 1985 to 2002 bonspiels.

community **NEWS**

New director takes over NLLS helm

Mircea Panciuk moved into the director's office at Northern Lights Library System headquarters on December 16 and a month later, says he is "still in a learning curve, getting to know people and how things happen."

The learning curve is a steep one, Panciuk says. "There's a lot to learn in a short time, and ever-shrinking bud-

gets. The government is looking at spending less and getting more services and projects going. It will be one of our top issues - doing better with less. I realize some communities don't have financial strength," and this must be taken into considerations.

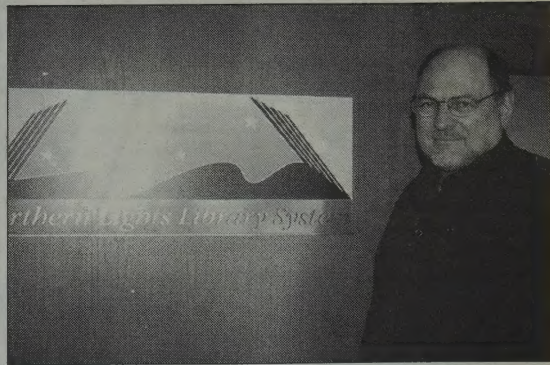
Panciuk is a strong believer in the library system concept. "Northern Lights and

the other six systems help Albertans to have the Alberta advantage. More and more people are talking communications," he noted, "and the federal government will be giving money to libraries for the second phase of upgrading Internet access through libraries. We will be working on determining the needs of libraries so we can support them."

He is impressed with

the NLLS staff. "I'm finding more and more every day how good the staff are. I'm very pleased with the quality of the staff - they're top notch." There are three levels of staff: "the people who do tasks - without them, the place would fall apart, then there are four managers who make sure the tasks are done by the right people, and

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MIRCEA PANCIUK is pleased to become part of the Northern Lights Library System, and says he is finding more and more every day, "how good the staff are" at dealing with their challenging roles.

LRHA business plan may resolve as region dissolves

By Todd MacKay
Journal Staff

The business plan dispute between the provincial government and Lakeland Regional Health Authority (LRHA) may come to a head this Friday. The LRHA board will meet with Health and Wellness Deputy Minister Dr. Roger Palmer in Smoky Lake Jan. 31.

"The situation remains the same," says Health and Wellness spokesperson Christianne Dubnyk. "The LRHA is still expected to balance its budget."

LRHA chair Ernie Isley hopes another look at the authority's finances will tip the balance in the

board's favour, however.

"I'm still getting commitments from the premier and the deputy minister that those issues are going to be resolved before this board disappears into the sunset on Apr. 1," says Isley.

Isley expects Palmer to respond to LRHA submissions regarding a structural deficit, cost of doing business and direct funding for the St. Paul Regional Psychiatric Unit and Stroke and Geriatric Empowerment (SAGE) unit in Two Hills.

The LRHA also hopes to discuss an audit of the import and export ration of funding that travels with patients to other regions such as Capital. The Deloitte and Touche report the province commissioned this fall will also be revisited.

Despite the turmoil surrounding the LRHA's business plan, administration informed the board at the Jan. 22 meeting that the deficit is \$4.1 million, about \$1.1 million better than projected for this point. That total could surpass original \$7 million projection for fiscal year end depending on employee severance settlements as the LRHA is

dismantled.

Rolling the LRHA into the larger Region 7 could have also entail a higher human cost than expected. Isley views the appointment of current Aspen Health Authority chair Robert Jackson as an ominous sign for local administration. He predicts that the province will simply add former authorities to the corporate structures of those represented by the newly appointed chairs. The Aspen Health Authority is based in Westlock.

"(That decision) probably has some advantages from an administrative view point," says Isley. "But it's probably got some significant disadvantages to the staff of those regions being annexed into their neighbours. That structure is already staffed. It probably won't allow too much chance for the staff from the Lakelands of the world."

On a brighter note, LRHA CEO Pearl Babiuk noted that the projected \$7 million deficit the authority will leave will be divided into the three new regions that succeed it.

We slipped a decade!

In our front page story regarding utility costs in last week's issue, we stated that mill rates had dropped from 20.692 mills in 1993 to 15.787 in 1992. This should have read "...to 15.787 in 2002." Our apologies to the Town of Elk Point and all those who were puzzled by this error. There is also a correction in the kickoff date for the land use bylaw review, which will start February 6, not January 27.

Health minister appointing boards

(Continued from Front Page)

Current LRHA chair and former Conservative cabinet minister Ernie Isley says Albertans are becoming unhappy with the government's track record of dismissing elected boards.

"If the fact that some elected members got a little critical of the minister and his administration is a sign of failure, then the system probably failed," said Isley. "I always thought open and controversial debate was part of democracy, but maybe I'm a little old fashioned."

The official opposi-

tion's health critic echoes Isley's concerns.

"It indicates that the government's heart was never really in the exercise (of having elected health boards)," said provincial Liberal Kevin Taft. "The decisions over the health-care system will be consolidated entirely in the minister's office and the premier's office."

Even though health boards will no longer receive direction from the ballot box, the province says public consultation will remain important. The government will require the new health authorities to sign performance

contracts that will define the province's expectations and consequences if they're not met, according to Dubnyk. The performance contracts also require regions to seek public input in whatever form they deem appropriate.

Isley scoffed at the government's promise of consultation.

"You mean they're going to give some importance to public consultation?" Asked Isley sarcastically. "If you want public consultation and accountability, that's what elections are all about, isn't it?"

Taft shares Isley's

grim humour.

"When this government says it wants public consultation it's become a joke," he said. "This government manages and manipulates public consultation to get whatever results it wants or else it simply ignores it."

Mar appointed the Aspen Health Authority's current chair Robert Jackson as chair of the new Health Region 7. Babiuk told LRHA board members that new CEOs will be appointed by Feb. 1 and that the full boards will be in place before Apr. 1.



Effective immediately the County of St. Paul Has Made an Addition to their Meeting Procedure Bylaw No. 1330

The addition which is cited as Bylaw No. 1397 requires anyone wishing to appear before Council, to submit a request in writing a minimum of seven (7) days before a scheduled regular Council meeting. This request must stipulate the name and address of those wishing to address council and clearly state the issue they wish to bring forward. This 7-day notice allows administration the time to research background information and/or contact any other level of government that may be involved in the issue. This procedure is to enable council to deal more effectively with issues brought before them.

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community **NEWS****Boundary changes don't please local health groups**

The reduction in number of health regions, with the accompanying change in borders, doesn't sit well with local health groups. At the January 14 meeting of the Elk Point and District Interagency Health

Committee, Community Health Council representative Carol Maas told the IHC that her group was not pleased with the boundary changes, and is working on this. The CHC is looking at a "center of excellence" for each

area, and it was agreed that Elk Point's "center of excellence" would be its 24-hour service.

IHC chair Margaret Modin has spoken with MLA Ray Danyluk regarding the boundary change, which he did not support. Danyluk

had indicated that a letter from the IHC stating that the group was not happy with the changes would not hurt. The IHC agreed, noting that they feel the new boundaries are not manageable and will not solve the export situation. They are also asking for clarification regarding the government's plans for addressing issues.

Town of Elk Point representatives indicated that at the Northeast Mayors' meeting with Health Minister Gary Mar, a strong voice was presented regarding the boundary changes. Mar assured them that our hospital would not be closed. It was noted that even the city of Edmonton is feeling pressure from the closure of small hospitals.

A meeting between the IHC and local doctors to hear their feelings regarding the boundary changes and any suggestions for added services that could help keep the hospital viable will hopefully be scheduled in the near future.

It has been business as usual at Elk Point Health Centre, according to Val Sebree, who mentioned there has been a lot of activity in the long term care area, and volunteers who could lend a hand would be appreciated. Applications are now available for pickup.

Ms Sebree pleased to note that the Health Centre was able to stay free of the Norwalk Virus, as was Heritage Lodge, which canceled

their Christmas party in order to keep the virus at bay, but did have a New Year's Eve party with entertainment. Sunnyside Manor in St. Paul wasn't as lucky, and had numerous residents suffering from the virus.

Foot care for seniors takes place in the FCSS Building while the Seniors Centre is being repaired. Dances and bingos held in temporary quarters at the Northern Lights Library headquarters have been well attended. Pioneer Circle president Margaret Modin said work on the Seniors' Centre is progressing, with work underway on the roof at the present time. There is hope that the seniors will be back in their building by April 1.



SERVUS CREDIT UNION'S ELK POINT STAFF congratulated the winners of Wednesday evening's door prize draws. From left to right are Natalie McKay, Sharon Smith, Shirley Harms, Marie Loch, Georgette Labrecque, Crystal Jacobson, Rod Randall, Ray Hellquist, Dirk Ludlage and Rhonda Lecopoy.

A year of substantial growth for Servus Credit Union

The past year has been one of substantial growth for the Elk Point branch of Servus Credit Union, according to Servus general manager Ray Duchesneau, who along with Servus president Louise Severin, presented the credit union's annual report to shareholders at an information meeting last Wednesday evening.

Loans to members increased by almost 50% over the previous year, and increases in Elk Point's deposit accounts represented 39% of the deposit growth for the entire organization. Elk Point's membership grew by 7%, and was 15% of the total Servus membership growth, the total growth exceeding the organization's target by 44%.

Duchesneau said the Elk Point branch showed "a very steep increase" in financial margin. The branch kept operating expenses to a minimum and experienced good growth on the loan side. "Because of the growth, we made good headway. It looks very positive," he noted.

Overall, the Servus organization had \$735,266 in net earnings, up from \$699,882 last year, with the profit margin staying the same, near their 4% target. Duchesneau said Servus is "very liquid. We still have lots to loan out."

New services launched in 2002 included the corporate scholarship program which consists of three \$500 scholarships for members attending their first year of full time studies at post secondary institutions, and the Student Advantage, a complete electronic transaction package for full-time post-secondary students. A 40-month, 20/20 term deposit product was also launched in 2002.

Servus has continued their commitment to enhance the lifestyle in the communities they serve, both with donations of more than \$40,000 to a total of 75 organizations and with

participation or involvement with 67 community organizations around the region. Here in Elk Point, this included assistance with the Chamber of Commerce Canada Day Pancake Breakfast, helping out F. G. Miller's Above the Limit program with a hot dog sale and selling teddy bears to raise funds for Santas Anonymous, among numerous other activities and donations.

Five door prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the meeting, with Dirk Ludlage, Ray Hellquist, Georgette Labrecque, Sharon Smith and Shirley Harms the lucky winners.

CRIME STOPPERS**Rural area thefts reported**

■ Sometime on or about January 8, 2003, unknown person(s) stole 13 gray "Diamond Ranch" steel fence panels from a well site near Fishing Lake. The panels belong to Devon Canada. They are 10 to 12 feet in length and

should have "Anderson Exploration" painted on them.

■ Sometime on or about January 10, 2003, unknown person(s) stole a Sears Craftsman Air Compressor (5.5 hp) with attached hose and

tire nozzle from a residence in Fishing Lake.

Anyone with information regarding either theft is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-822-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780) 724-3829.

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LOOK BACK, LOOK WAAAY BACK - and you'll find Marshall Kachmar (bottom right), the MC for the 20th Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel banquet, was involved in the first Oilmen's bonspiel, back in 1984, when he, Iver Storseth, Bill Ballas and Wayne Spence made up the second event's runner-up rink, CEDA Chemicals. That's Dave Kenyon presenting the trophies to the winning B&R Eckels rink: Jim Kosh, Larry Bordian, Lorne Mills and Maurice Ringuette.

A long and proud bonspiel history

For the twentieth time, Elk Point is set to welcome visiting oilmen to the annual Oilmen's Bonspiel. For two decades, hard-working committees of volunteers have spent weeks preparing to host these highlight events of the curling season, and curlers have been coming from far and wide to take part in the fun and festivities.

It has been the pleasure of the Elk Point Review - which as the Lakeland Review, came into being just a few short weeks before the first bonspiel in 1984 - to have covered each and every one of the past 19 Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiels. It was great fun, in recent weeks, to look back over our coverage of those events, and see people we haven't seen in a long time, and how, despite all those years, some of those we see on a regular basis, haven't changed a bit!

Reminiscing about good times long past will no doubt be a big part of this coming weekend, as the organizing committee and the curlers look back at the past 19 years, and turn another page of bonspiel history as they enjoy the packed schedule of the 20th Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel. Have a great weekend, everyone!

Snowmobilers declare January as National Snowmobiling Environment Month

During January, the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO) invites snowmobilers to help keep nature beautiful by participating in National Snowmobiling Environment Month. This initiative encourages snowmobilers to reaffirm that they care about the environment by practicing the following recommended behaviors:

- Leave tracks, not trash
- Maintain your sled
- Protect wildlife
- Leave your sled unmodified
- Stay on the trail
- Respect sensitive areas
- Embrace new technologies

"Snowmobilers are family people who have a good news story to tell about their role as responsible stewards over many years," stated CCSO president Bob Walsh of New Brunswick. "As an off-road activity, snowmobiling relies on keeping nature beautiful for both our won enjoyment of winter and as the foundation for the over \$3 billion of annual business that snowmobiling brings to snowbelt communities throughout rural Canada."

Snowmobiles account for less than 1% of all the motor fuel burned annually in this country. New technologies, such as four-stroke engines and semi-direct injection, are continually improving this quintessentially Canadian recreation activity. Through a new partnership with Scouttrees for Canada, snowmobilers are also committed to expanding existing tree planing programs, which continue to reclaim thousands of acres of waste and eroded lands and to provide wildlife with necessary food and shelter.

Most snowmobiling in Canada occurs on 135,000 km of organized trails. The majority of these corridors are seasonal, put in place temporarily each winter by local snowmobile clubs with a primary objective of accommodating and harmonizing with the natural surroundings. After two or three short months of

use, these trails often revert to their natural state for the balance of the year.

During the winter, these snowmobile trails generally define traffic patterns for snowmobilers, encouraging most sleds to stay on groomed travel-ways and ensuring that their presence in any one location is brief and non-intrusive. They also provide hard-packed, energy-saving routes for winter wildlife in search of forage and shelter.

"The entire surface area of Canada's snowmobile trails is about the same as that of one small city," noted Walsh. "Given our very limited area of operation, the short duration of our riding season, and the fact that much of nature is habitually dormant in winter, studies show that the environmental impact of organized snowmobiling is minimal, and National Snowmobiling Environment Month serves as one more way to keep it that way."

The Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations is dedicated to providing leadership and support to organized snowmobiling in Canada.

Snow Facts

- There are 30,252 registered snowmobiles in Alberta and over 700,000 across Canada.
- Alberta has approximately 5000 km of signed and maintained snowmobile trails, a total of 161,000 kilometers of trail across Canada.
- The average North American snowmobiler rides his/her machine 960 miles a year.
- The average snowmobiler spends \$4000 each year on snowmobile-related recreation.
- Snowmobiling is great exercise that brings people outdoors to interact with nature and each other. It is an invigorating sport that is great for stress release and good mental health. Not only that, it's fun! Get out and enjoy winter, while it lasts!

Fond flashbacks from 1964

Oh, baby, it is cold outside" has become our passing statement over the last few weeks. That statement is from an old song from the past.

Speaking of remembering something from a few years ago, like old songs and such, did you know that in 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced his "War on Poverty" to create new jobs and build up areas where the economy had faltered? Well, guess what, it is now 2003 and our government will probably have to also become creative after they realize the effects of the "slowdown in our economy" as caused by many different conditions and circumstances.

Did you know that in 1964, the Warren Commission issued its report on the Kennedy assassination (John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 23, 1963), finding no conspiracy existed. Jack Ruby was convicted of murder in the slaying of alleged presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. Of course, we know since that time, there has been much discussion of "what really happened." And yes, in 2003, there is discussion on whether or not to go to war because of what happened on September 11, 2001 - a massive murder situation also viewed on television.

It is also to be noted that in 1964, the Chinese exploded their first atomic bomb, joining a small handful of nations with nuclear weapons. Now in 2003, North Korea, China's neighbor and friend, is once more causing the world some concern. Oh, I know it can also be said that other nations are also involved in our concern over their weapons.

Even though we can compare the negatives

of 1964, there is a chance we liked what took place in 1964 in regard to movies, television, sports and music. For example, did you know that the movie premieres for 1964 included My Fair Lady with Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. Now in 2003, the Elk Point Community Choir and Friends are presenting the play of My Fair Lady during the month of March at their dinner theatre. In television, Jeopardy started in 1964. It is still on the air in 2003. In sports, the Toronto Maple Leafs won hockey's

Stanley Cup. And yes, in 2003, they still have some fans in Elk Point. Then in golf, Arnold Palmer became the first to win the Masters four times. And we know that has been repeated. In music, the Beatles were all over the charts with I Want to Hold Your Hand, A Hard Day's Nigh and She Loves You. Other top records included Oh, Pretty Woman (Roy Orbison), Baby Love (the Supremes), Hello Dolly! (Louis Armstrong), I Get Around (The Beach Boys), Everybody Loves Somebody (Dean Martin), Leader of the Pack (The Shangri-Las) and Understand Your Man (Johnny Cash). Oh, I think in 2003 these songs are fond flashbacks for many of us.

Health comparison from 1964 to 2003 is also interesting. Did you know in 1964, the U. S. Surgeon General condemned cigarette smoking as a cause of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses? Now, maybe 40 years later in 2004, all public buildings will be smoke free as a result of what started in 1964.

All of these flashbacks and comparisons have been interesting, and hopefully we are repeating what is good. Have a good day, everyone!



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Welcome to the 20th Annual ELK POINT OILMEN'S BONSPIEL

January 29 - February 2, 2003

Message from the Oilmen's Association president:

Well, it's that time of the year again! Welcome to all curlers and spectators. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and hope that the New Year brings to you and yours all the best.

This year promises to be bigger and better than ever since this is our 20th Annual Oilmen's Curling Bonspiel. The Committee has some great things in mind for this year's entertainment and following the banquet we have a first for our group. This year we will be presenting the first annual Oilman of the Year award. This year's recipient is very deserving of this award. He has spent many years involved with the Elk Point Oilmen's Association, but you'll have to wait until Saturday night to find out who it will be.

The Oilmen's curling committee consisting of Leonard Gadowski, Donny Mudryk, Dallen Wandler, Bryce Lorensen, Terry Gusnowski, Lyle Frisby and Clark Sittler have put a lot of time and effort into this year's event. I would really like to thank them and their families for putting up with the countless hours that are spent in meetings and on the phone to get this bonspiel under way.

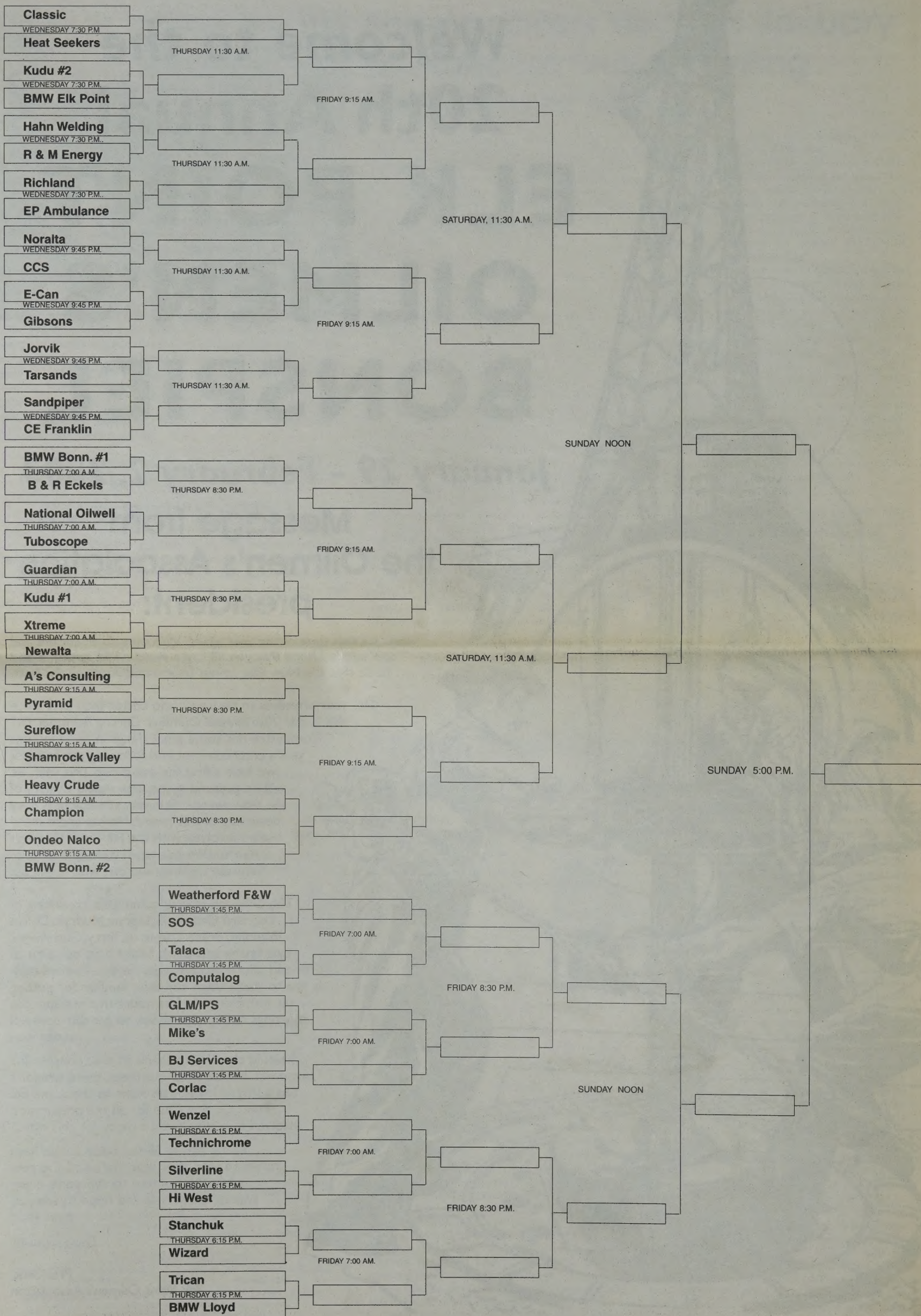
I would also like to thank all the sponsors for this event, because without them, there wouldn't be a bonspiel. I would also like to thank the Elk Point Curling Club for all the preparation involved in getting the ice ready for this event.

Thank you to all the curlers who have returned year after year, and to all the new curlers. Best of luck to everyone, enjoy yourselves, be safe and hope to see you next year.

Dave Cousins

President,
Elk Point Oilmen's Association

20th annual OILMEN'S BONSPIEL



20th annual OILMEN'S BONSPIEL**Events Schedule****Wednesday, January 29**

First rock delivered by Mayor Lyle Frisby
Opening draw at 7:30 p.m.
Last draw at 9:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 30

Rink opens at 6:30 a.m.
Curling begins at 7:00 a.m.
Last draw at 12:30 a.m. Friday

Friday, January 31

Rink opens at 6:30 a.m.
Free breakfast burger for all curlers with hash browns, coffee or juice at the curling rink, sponsored by Newalta and Classic Oilfield, 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Curling begins at 7:00 a.m.
Last draw goes at 10:45 p.m.
Curlers social at Elks Hall, doors open at 8:00 p.m. with DJ, comedians Nelson Giles at 10:00 p.m. and Damien James at 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 1

Rink opens at 6:30 a.m.
Free breakfast burger, hash browns, coffee or juice again for all the curlers 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Curling begins at 7:00 a.m.
Last draw at 4:00 p.m.
Banquet and dance at the Elks Hall, doors open 5:00 p.m.
Banquet at 6:00 p.m., catered by the Empress, barbecuing by Elk Point Trail Riders Club
Presentations and announcements at 7:30 p.m.
Dance with music by Latigo, 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 2

Curling starts at 7:30 a.m.
Bonspiel finals begin at 5:00 p.m.

Courtesy van supplied by the Elk Point Elks and Elk Point Oilmen's Association, with drivers supplied by the parents and friends of the Elk Point Grad Class of 2003. Please use this through the duration of the bonspiel, 1:00 p.m. until closing daily. Contact numbers are 724-3671 (curling rink) or the cell in the van at 614-1555.

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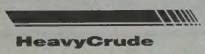
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1985
32 rinks

Klinger's Oilfield Service made it two in a row with a **Grand Challenge win**. Allan Frankiw presented the Westmin Resources trophies to Jim Donald, Bernie Heinrichs, Richard Klinger and Mel Klinger. Placing second were (front, left to right) Willy Potapinski, Jack Smith, Ken Ference and Jim Ference of

Petro Tec Electric. The Empress Restaurant rink was third and O & G Electric fourth.

Second event: CEDA, skipped by Wayne Spence, won over Hi West, skipped by Craig Schnell, for the Elk Point Oilfield Services trophies. Viking Oilfield Supply was third and Corod Manufacturing fourth.

Third event: Champion Northwestern, skipped by Doug Keipps defeated KK Lawrence, skipped by Roland Moneta, for the BMW Monarch trophies. Continental Supply was third and Sparrow Electric fourth.



1986
48 rinks

Byron Mann presented the Westmin Resources trophies to Homco's Reo Van Maarton, Murray Eskrick, Darcy Ramsay and Kevin Kantz, who won the **Grand Challenge** over (front, left to right) Paul Steinke, Greg Wilkinson, Eldon Gagne and Tim Christensen of O & G Electric. KK Lawrence was third and Baker Oil Treating fourth.

Second event: Elk Point Oilfield Service trophies went to Spears Well Service, skipped by Jim Spears, winning over Universal, skipped by Fred James. JoZel Enterprises & Consulting was third and ICG fourth.

Third event: CEDA, skipped by Wayne Spence, took the BMW Monarch trophies for a win over Arinah Services Ltd., skipped by Cliff Dombroski, with Mid Continent Supply third and GLM Tanks fourth.

Fourth event: Guiberson, skipped by Jack Smith, were the first winners of the B & R Eckels trophy, over Computalog Gearhart, skipped by Bob Almond. Corod Manufacturing was third and Leyen Oilfield Servicing fourth.

1987
44 rinks

Flint Engineering's Clarence Romanick, Gary Foreman, George Cook and Rick Nelson accepted the Westmin Resources **Grand Challenge** trophies from Byron Mann. Runners-up were Schlumberger's Tim Holliday, Dave Slaght, Jim McMurphy and Jim Edgson, while LTV Energy placed third and Guardian Cut Rite fourth.

Second event: International Energy Services trophies went to Dave's Pressure Service, skipped by Dave Castellani, BMW Monarch was second, Miller Oilfield Hauling third and Spears Well Servicing fourth.

Third event: CEDA Reactor, skipped by Stan Bariant, accepted the BMW Monarch trophies. Petro Tech Electric, skipped by Willy Potapinski was second, CEDA Chemicals third and CBM Confectionary fourth.

Fourth event: Hi West Well Servicing, skipped by Ed Dymtrishyn, took home the B & R Eckels trophies, winning over Superior Propane, skipped by Stan Zimmerman. Jenmore Holdings was third and KK Lawrence fourth.



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1988 48 rinks

Gordon McCuaig presented the Westmin Resources **Grand Challenge** trophies to Alchem's Ron Dinkel, Henry Stang, Ed Rogoz and Brian Robinson, who won over O & G Electric (front, left to right) Paul Steinke, Don Rae, Eldon Gagne and Lyle Christianson. DrakeWell #2 placed third and DrakeWell #1 fourth.

Second event: International Energy Services trophies went to HiWest #2, skipped by Ed Dmytryshyn, who defeated Dearborn Chemicals, skipped by Jim Fell. Flint placed third and LTV Energy fourth.

Third event: Lynall Slywka's Empress Restaurant rink took the BMW Monarch trophies with a win over KK Lawrence, skipped by Ken Wittmack. The Miller rink placed third and John Oryschuk Trucking fourth.

Fourth event: CEDA Reactor, skipped by Bill Kemp, won the B & R Eckels trophies over Maverick Oilfield Service, skipped by Dave Yake. Guardian placed third and Canadian Salt fourth.



1989

Alchem Inc.'s Ron Dinkel, Henry Stang, Ed Rogoz and Brian Robinson were presented with the Westmin Resources **Grand Challenge** trophies by Allan Frankiw after their defeat of (front, left to right) Don Anderson, Pete Stafford, Kevin Lawrence and Roland Moneta in the final game. Vulcan Electric placed third and North American Road was fourth.

Second event: O & G Electric, skipped by Paul Steinke, won the LTV Energy trophies by defeating DrakeWell #1, skipped by Reo Van Maarion. Guiberson Oil Tools was third and DrakeWell #2 fourth.

Third event: Maverick Oilfield Services, skipped by Darwin Botting, won over E-Can Oilfield Services, skipped by Rick Dejong for the BMW Monarch trophies. The Empress was third and Computalog Gearhart fourth.

Fourth event: Flint Engineering, skipped by Clarence Romaniuk, defeated H & R Valve, skipped by Warren Monk to win the B & R Eckels trophies. Superior Propane was third and WV Electric fourth.



1990 40 rinks

Allan Frankiw presented the Norcen Energy Resources trophies to Don Clark, Jim Mykyte, Earnie Korenowski and Al McPherson of Vulcan Electric, who defeated Alchem's Ron Dinkel, Henry Stang, Ed Rogoz and Brian Robinson in the **Grand Challenge**. North Eastern Well Service claimed third place and Treasury Branch placed fourth.

Second event: North American Road, skipped by Jim Rupp, claimed the Tarsands Steam Cleaning trophies, defeating Miller Oilfield, skipped by Bernie Welin. Titan Electric was third and Shearer Supply fourth.

Third event: E-Can, skipped by Don Anderson, took home the BMW Monarch trophies for a win over Baker Oil Treatment, skipped by Clarence Romaniuk. Welchem Canada placed third and GLM Tank fourth.

Fourth event: Peter Thatcher's Hi West Well Servicing took the B & R Eckels trophies over Spears Well Service, skipped by Jim Spears. Canadian Salt was third and Guardian Inspection fourth.



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1991 44 rinks

Allan Frankiw presented the Norcen Energy Resources trophies to Vulcan Electric rink-mates Don Clark, Jim Mykyte, Earnie Korenowski and Al McPherson, who narrowly edged out Shamrock Valley Enterprises (front, left to right) Leonard Gadowski, Bruce Norman, Len Cole and Murry Nielsen in the **Grand Challenge** game. Baker Chemicals placed third and Griffin fourth in the event.

Second event: Tarsands trophies went to Flint Engineering, skipped by Greg Dwan, who defeated E-Can Safety, skipped by Terry Gusnowski, in the final, third place going to Streamflow and Welch #2 taking fourth.

Third event: Certified Rentals, skipped by Tim Kratchmer, defeated Jet Perforators, skipped by Art Lypka, in an extra end for the BMW Monarch trophies. Ti-Ad Oilfield was third and MaxiTech Machining fourth.

Fourth event: B & R Eckels, skipped by Wayne Hanson, won their own trophies over DrakeWell, skipped by Stuart Squires, giving Maverick third place and H & R Valve fourth.

1992 36 rinks

It took 12 ends, six of them blanked, for Shamrock Valley Enterprises to win the Norcen Energy Resources Grand Challenge trophies presented by Allan Frankiw to Lyle Yerama, Leonard Gadowski, Bruce Norman and Murry Nielsen, who won over (front, left to right) Ron Dinkel, Henry Stang, Brian Robinson and Mac Brost of Nalco. The Baker rink placed third and E-Can #2 was fourth.

Second event: Tarsands trophies went to B & R Eckels, skipped by Vic Rocque, winners over Guiberson Oil Tools, skipped by Phil Shankowski. E-Can #1 placed third and Griffin Pumps was fourth.

Third event: Universal, skipped by Morris Yakubowski, took 11 ends to defeat Elk Point Ambulance, skipped by Terry Gusnowski, for the BMW trophies. Flint Engineering was third and PCP fourth.

Fourth event: Nowasco, skipped by Ron Rusnak, took home the B & R Eckels trophies for a win over Spears, skipped by Jason Anderson. Third went to North American Road and fourth to Klingers.



1993 48 rinks

The 10th Annual Oilmen's Spiel saw B & R Eckels rink-mates Victor Rocque, Wayne Hanson, Denis Ringuette and Don Hanson accepting the Norcen Energy Resources Grand Challenge trophies from Allan Frankiw after their win over Universal's Morris Yakubowski, Trevor Acker, Vince Armstrong and Trevor Whalen. E-Can #1 was third and Flint Engineering fourth.

Second event: Ron Dinkel skipped his Nalco rink to a win for the Tarsands trophies, defeating Elk Point Ambulance, skipped by Terry Gusnowski. Baker Performance was third and Hi West fourth.

Third event: Nowasco, skipped by Ron Rusnak, won the BMW Monarch trophies with a win over Art Britton's Gresco foursome. Kiser Supply placed third and DV Electric Motor fourth.

Fourth event: Shamrock Valley Enterprises, skipped by Lyle Yerama, took home the B & R Eckels trophies with a win over H & R Valve, skipped by Mike Canty. Jet Perforators placed third and Drake Well fourth.



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1994

44 rinks

Vulcan Electric's Don Clark, Jim Mykyte, Al McPherson and Neil Studer took home the Shamrock Valley Enterprises trophies presented by Murry Nielsen in the **Grand Challenge** with a win over NALCO rinkmates Ron Dinkel, Ed Rogoz, Brian Robinson and Matt Brost. Bonnyville Curling Corner came in third and E-Can #2 was fourth.

Second event: Tarsands trophies went to the Guiberson AVA rink skipped by Ted Yarmuch, winners over GLM Tanks, skipped by Owen Gilbert. Third was The Kiser Group, while Klinger's Oilfield Service placed fourth.

Third event: BMW Monarch trophies went to Shamrock Valley Enterprises, skipped by Leonard Gadowski, who defeated Amoco Canada, skipped by Jack Tarnowsky. BMW placed third and Pine ridge Oilfield Services fourth.

Fourth event: B & R Eckels trophies went home with Universal Industries, skipped by Trevor Acker, winning over Wayne Hanson's B & R rink, with Champion Technologies third and Highland Corod fourth.

1995

Vulcan Electric's Don Clark, Jim Mykyte, Earnie Korenowski and Al McPherson edged out Larry's Picker Service curlers Darwin Botting, Dale Botting, Arne Glambeck and Kent Boyd for the Shamrock Valley Enterprises **Grand Challenge** trophy presented by Murry Nielsen. Pine Ridge Oilfield Services placed third and Guiberson fourth.

Second event: Tarsands trophies went to Newalta, skipped by Duane Burkard, over A's Oilfield Consulting, skipped by Brian Anderson, with Leeway Heavy Oil third and Leyen Oilfield Services fourth.

Third event: BMW trophies went to Lake Centre Dental Clinic, skipped by Ron Rusnak, winning over Shamrock Valley Enterprises, skipped by Murry Nielsen, Flint Engineering was third and DrakeWell fourth.

Fourth event: B&R, skipped by Jim Rupp, took home their own trophies after winning over CoreLab, skipped by Owen Krauss. HiWest placed third and Champion Chemicals fourth.



1996

Vulcan Electric's Don Clark, Al McPherson, Earnie Korenowski and Neil Studer won Murry Nielsen's Shamrock Valley **Grand Challenge** trophies with an extra end over Nalco/Exxon's Clarence Romaniuk, Donnie Rae, Ken Ference and Tony Hawryluk. Lake Centre Dental Clinic was third and Bi-Systems fourth.

Second event: Tarsands trophies went to Highland Corod #2, skipped by Doug Lubinski, winning over Kudu's Reo VanMaarion, BMW Monarch was third and Guiberson AVA fourth.

Third event: BMW Monarch trophies went to Touchwood Petroleum, skipped by Mo Courtney, winning over Randy Mack's Baker Performance Chemicals rink, with Ty-Ad third and A's Oilfield fourth.

Fourth event: Leonard Gadowski's Shamrock Valley rink won the B & R trophies over BMW Monarch, B&R's own rink placed third and Mike's Oilfield fourth.



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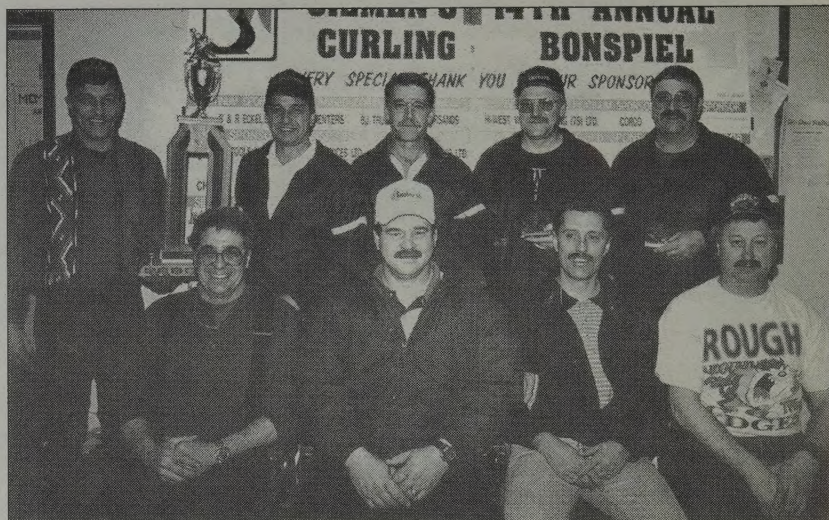
Vulcan Electric won their fourth consecutive **Grand Challenge** trophies, presented by Murry Nielsen of Shamrock Valley Enterprises to (left to right) Don Clark, Al McPherson, Earnie Korenowski and Neil Studer, who won over (front, left to right) Don

Anderson, Art Lypka, Eldon Heck and Kevin Lawrence. Noralta Controls placed third and H & R Valve #1 fourth.

Second event: Tarsands trophies went to Touchwood Petroleum, skipped by Mo Coutney, winning over Jorvik, skipped by Steve Penz. Environmental Waste Management was third and Kudu Industries fourth.

Third event: Gibson Petroleum, skipped by David Kulcsar, won the BMW Monarch trophies over Larry's Picker Service, skipped by Darwin Botting. B & R Eckels was third and Cut Rite Tubular Services fourth.

Fourth event: Nalco/Exxon Energy Chemicals, skip Clarence Romanick, won the B & R Eckels trophies over Guiberson AVA, skip Ted Yarmuch. Corod #2 placed third and GLM Tank fourth.



1998 48 rinks

Newalta Corporation's Duane Burkhard, David Kulcsar, Brian Huseby and Bob Williams upset six time **Grand Challenge** champs Vulcan Electric

(front, left to right) Don Clark, Al McPherson, Earnie Korenowski and Neil Studer for the Shamrock Valley trophies presented by Murry Nielsen.

Second event: The Tarsands trophies went to A's Oilfield Consulting, skipped by Brian Anderson, who defeated Bi-Systems

Electric, skipped by Kirk Brost.

Third event: B & R Eckels, skipped by Wayne Hanson, won over Kudu Industries, skipped by Leonard Gadowski, for the BMW Monarch trophies.

Fourth event: Northwell Rentals, skipped by John Regnier, took home the B & R Eckels trophies for a win over Randy Mack's Silverline Insulation rink.

1999

Vulcan Electric made it seven **Grand Challenge** wins in nine years, with (left to right) Don Clark, Al McPherson, Earnest Korenowski and Neil Studer accepting the Shamrock Valley

trophies from Murry Nielsen. Second went to Tri Can curlers (front, left to right) Erv Nixdorf, Kevin Simard, Russell Horback and Bernie Heinrichs. PRAG Plumbing was third and RSC Fasco fourth.

Second event: Won by Shamrock Valley

Enterprises, skipped by Leonard Gadowski, over Wenzel Downhole, skipped by Darwin Botting for the Tarsands trophies. Weatherford finished third and H & R Valve fourth.

Third event: Kudu, skipped by Bob Almond, over Tryton Tool, skipped by Ted Yarmuch for the BMW Monarch trophies. Environmental Waste was third, BI Systems fourth.

Fourth event: Newalta, skipped by Duane Burkard, over Bar Engineering, skipped by Kirk Brost, for the B & R Eckels trophies. Hi West placed third and Echo Pipeline #1 was fourth.



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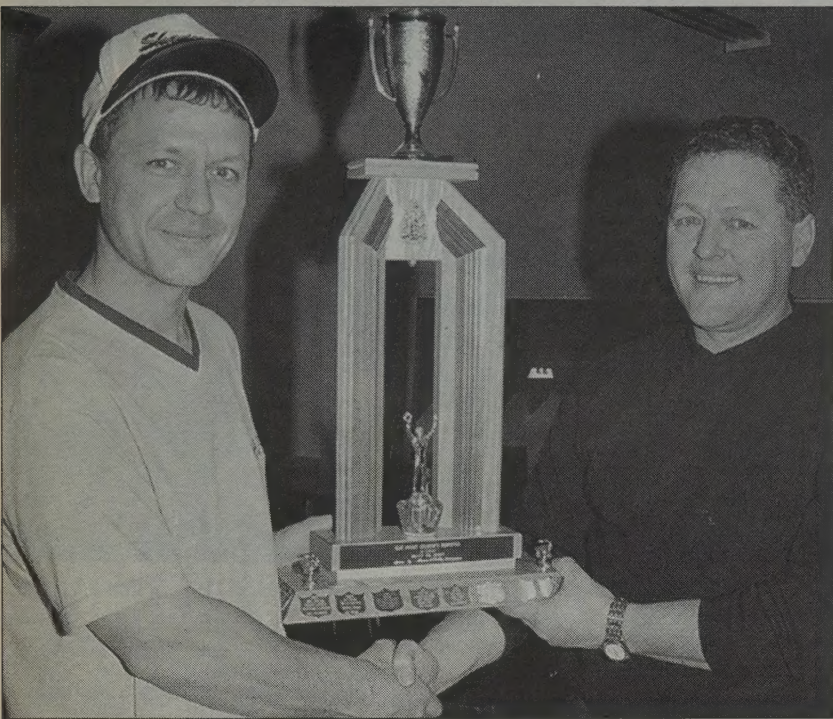
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2001 36 rinks

Grand Challenge winners who accepted the Shamrock Valley Enterprises trophy from Oilmen's president Russ Hebblethwaite were the home town Jorvik rink, (left to right) Steve Penz, Pete Stafford, Don Mudryk and Ron Ballas, who edged out (front, left to right) Ashlin K Transport's Kris Fruin, Dusty Makichuk, Mark Savoy and Bob Bowser for the win. The Gibsons rink

was third and the Shamrock rink fourth in the Grand Challenge event.

Second event: Betz Dearborn, skipped by Clarence Romanick, won the Tarsands trophies over Weatherford BMW, skipped by Don Bertrand. Silverline placed third and B & R Eckels fourth.

Third event: RSC Canada, skipped by Eldon Gagne, won over Weatherford Canada, skipped by Brad Orbeck for the BMW trophies. R & M Energy was third and Tesco Gris fourth.

Fourth event: Shlumberger Completions, skipped by John Regnier, won over TriCan, skipped by Kevin Smart for the B & R Eckels trophies. GLM Tanks was third and Heat Seekers fourth.

2000 32 Rinks

The new century did not begin on an auspicious note for the Oilmen's, as a serious freon leak brought the final games to an abrupt halt. Only the curlers in the **Grand Challenge first event**, which had taken to the ice early, were able to curl an entire game. Roger Van Den Bossche and his Reid's Welding rink defeated Bar Engineering to win the Shamrock Valley trophies, presented by Leonard Gadowski. Tri-Can Oilwell

Service was third in the first event and Shamrock Valley Enterprises finished fourth. Sorry, no names are available for the Grand Challenge teams.

Second event: Don Anderson Trucking, skipped by Don Anderson, over Tarsands Steam Cleaning, skipped by Lyle Frisby, for the Tarsands trophy, with Computalog third and Nowco Fracmaster fourth.

Third event: Clarence Romanick's Betz Dearborn Canada rink defeated Wenzel Downhole, skipped by Darwin Botting for the BMW trophies. Gibson Petroleum placed third and Champion Technologies fourth.

Fourth event: Jorvik Machine Tool and Welding won the B & R Eckels trophies.



2002 32 rinks

Dallan Wandler presented the **Grand Challenge** trophies from Shamrock Valley Enterprises to Clarence Romanick skip of the Betz-Dearborn rink, which included Doug Rae, Ray Plouffe and Gerry Croteau, to a 7-1 win over Weatherford Lloydminster's (front, left to right) Sean Stewart, Darcy Ollenberger, Dean Lypkie and Kelley Wright. Shamrock Valley took third and Jorvik fourth in the event.

Second event: Weatherford Fishing and Wireline, skip Brad Orbeck, won over Heat Seekers, skip Ned Brand, for the Tarsands trophies, B & R Eckels placed third and Cordean fourth.

Third event: Wenzel Downhole, skipped by Darwin Botting, defeated Gibsons Petroleum, skipped by Don Anderson, for the BMW trophies, with RSC Canada third and Schlumberger fourth.

Fourth event: the B & R Eckels trophies went to Wizard Well Services, skipped by Jim Holowachuk, winners over BJ Services, skipped by Shane Freson. R & M Energy was third and Flint Energy fourth.



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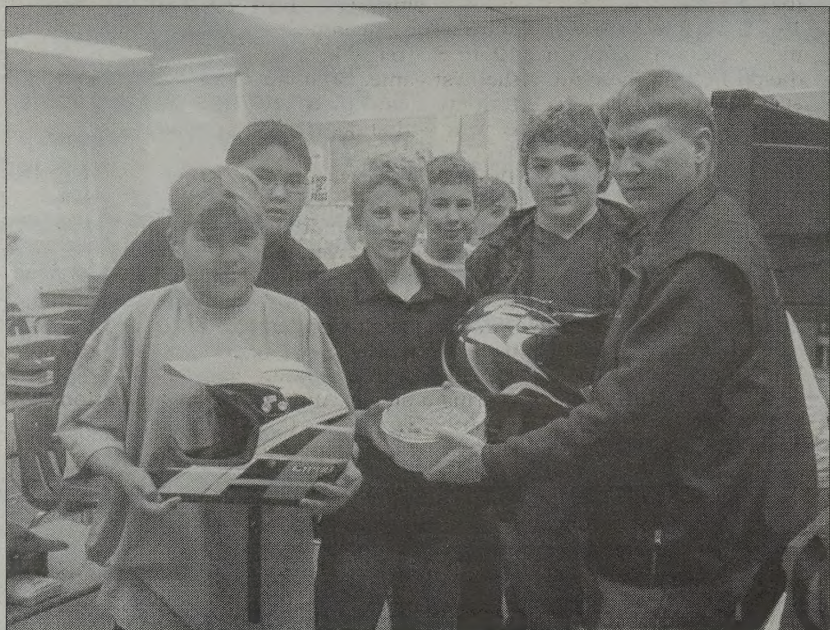
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ATV safety session at FGM



ATV SAFETY EXPERT Wayne Tymchuk visited F. G. Miller High School last Friday to educate the students on safer riding of these popular machines. He emphasized the need to wear helmets, showing the group how fragile and subject to injury a human brain can be if not appropriately protected.

Photos by Lawrence Pidluzny

Minister Ty Lund to visit St. Paul

By Todd MacKay
St. Paul Journal

School board trustees are eager to discuss the Two Hills school modernization project with Alberta

Minister of Infrastructure Ty Lund when he visits the area with MLA Ray Danyluk on Wednesday, St. Paul Education Regional Division trustees discussed the minister's visit during their regular meeting on Jan. 15. "We would like to hear from the horse's mouth," said board chair Lorne Bury after the meeting. "We've been told (by government officials) 'Mr. Lund won't do this or that.' But we'd like to get some kind of commitment."

The school division worked towards modernizing the Two Hills schools for several years. Funding was approved for the project, but the process ground to a halt when the province refused to cover projected cost overruns of more than \$1 million. Local MLA's Ed Stelmach and Ray Danyluk toured the Two Hills schools on Jan. 2. Trustee Ron Rudkowsky said both were positive about the project after the tour and asked school offi-

cials to leave the issue with them to see what they could do. **Division seeks advanced courses for students** The school board gave administration the okay to broker partnerships with post-secondary institutions to provide university level courses in local high school classrooms. "We'd like to offer advanced placement

classes so that students could get first year university credits without leaving the community," said division superintendent Doug Yeo. Core subjects such as English and math are the main focus of the proposal, said Yeo. Lakeland College has already shown some interest. "We'd like to get students thinking a little bigger," said Yeo. **New rule for school fees** School fees aren't changing, but the school

board is making sure they make sense to the parents who have to pay them. "We have a commitment from principals to provide detailed explanations of what fees are for," said trustee Shelley Dyck. School fees generate \$280,000 for the division and are used for supplies such as wood students might use in a shop class. Services won't be withheld from students who aren't able to pay, said secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne.

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We're sitting here today in our temporary home still amazed by the number of calls and visits to support us spiritually, morally and financially. We would like to thank everyone who was here the day of the fire, our neighbors, our friends, our family who supplied us with their help, with their hugs, the food that fed everyone that night, had it not been for you we wouldn't have saved everything we did.

We'd like to thank Terry Senecal and the firemen for their prompt response and how they handled everything when they got here.

Neighbors and friends, we can't say enough for everything you've done. The ones who opened and offered to open their homes. The people who helped that we don't even know. Thank you Gail, Eddy and the Servus Credit Union for setting up a trust fund for us.

To all of you, your generosity is overwhelming and we'd like to let you know that we are insured and everything is running smoothly so far. Reconstruction has begun and hopefully we'll be back in our home by the end of March, at which time you are all welcomed to drop in for a cup of coffee at our round table which was saved.

Once again thank you from the bottom of our hearts, as bad as it was, we were very blessed, we still have our children to tuck into bed at night.

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Nous remercions tout le monde qui était chez nous le jour du feu; nos voisins, nos amis et notre famille. Vous nous avez offert de l'aide, des expressions d'amour et de la nourriture qui a nourri tout le monde ce soir là. Sans vous, nous n'aurions pas pu sauver autant de nos biens.

Nous remercions Terry Senecal et les autres pompiers d'avoir répondu si rapidement à l'appel d'urgence ainsi que pour leur excellent travail une fois rendus sur place.

Voisins et amis, nous ne pouvons pas vous remercier assez pour tout ce que vous avez fait pour nous. Vous qui avez ouvert ou offert d'ouvrir votre maison à nous -- merci! Tous ceux que nous ne connaissons même pas qui nous ont aidés -- merci!

Merci aussi à Gail, Eddy et à la Caisse Populaire d'avoir ouvert un compte spécial pour recevoir les dons pour nous.

À vous tous, nous redisons notre appréciation pour votre grande générosité. Sachez que grâce à l'assurance, les travaux de reconstruction avancent bien. Nous espérons être de retour dans notre maison d'ici la fin mars, date après laquelle vous serez tous invités à prendre un café autour de notre table ronde qui n'a pas passé au feu.

Une fois de plus, merci à tous du fond du coeur. Malgré l'épreuve que nous avons vécue, nous nous comptons bénis car nous connaissons encore la joie d'embrasser nos enfants et leur souhaiter bonne nuit avant qu'elles se couchent chaque soir.

Bert, Yvonne, Nina et Stephanie Poulin

Pasture management is key during droughts

By Todd MacKay
St. Paul Journal

Nobody could've anticipated last year's unprecedented drought. But local pasture management experts are making sure they're ready in case it happens again.

"You need to have your plan A's and B's," says Gerry Ehlert, the provincial grazing reserves manager for the northeast region. "It's very stressful if you find out you have no pasture the day you need it."

The St. Paul Grazing Reserve Association is already working out a strategy.

"Plan A reduces allotments by 20 per cent from last year," says association president Len Demchuk. "We've also delayed entry by 10 days."

"Last year it was three days before and we were wondering what to do."

What comes after plan A isn't clear yet. If the hoped for rain and snow doesn't show, Demchuk says cattle may be moved in later or in portions.

If there is any good news coming out of last year, it's that the pastures aren't in as rough shape as they could be.

"Because of good management practices, the

pastures are a lot better than they could've been," says Ehlert. "One of the most important things to do is to plan animal numbers in balance with forage."

"You can't graze grass to the ground like a pool table."

The Grazing Reserve Association's decision to wean calves at the early age of 100 to 130 days helped protect the grass for the coming spring, says Ehlert. The calves were taken out July 15, around the time they started supplementing their mothers' milk with a few mouthfuls of grass.

"It took significant pressure off the pasture and kept the cows on it longer," says Ehlert. "It also improved the condition of the cows."

The cows came into fall in good shape because they didn't have to produce as much milk. But what about the calves?

"You can feed them up and recover the costs," says Demchuk. "But it's more labour intensive and if you have to sell them (while the calves are small) you're running at a loss."

Taking the calves off early allowed some valuable grass to stay on the pastures.

"You have to leave some dead grass," says Ehlert. "It holds in moisture and improves fertility."

"The pastures where you'll see the most growth in spring are the ones left with some carryover."

It can be hard for producers to see grass die on the ground when it could be used as much needed feed, but Ehlert says that dead grass can provide a valuable buffer to brace pastures for bad times. He says it's best not to graze off more than half of the grass at a time.

Ehlert and his colleagues are developing a scorecard that producers can use to quickly evaluate the condition of their pastures. But he says if it's possible to rake together a large handful of dead grass from an 18 by 18 inch patch of pasture, it's a pretty good sign.

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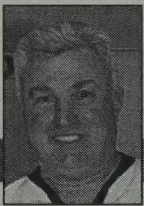
Hurricanes bring home the hardware from Mannville

"One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, now go, **Avalanche** go." Three times the Avalanche played the Cold Lake Freeze this past weekend, Saturday in Cold Lake losing 9 to 4, "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas, Myles Yarmuch, Brendan Bishop and the "Big M" Mike Marianchuk all scoring.

Sunday morning in Elk Point, the Freeze figuring they would just waltz in and pick up another easy 4 points. Not so, the Avalanche in a fairly intense match losing a close 5 to 4, "Stompin' Tanner" Shankowski rifled in two, "Dirty Harry" and the "Big M" picking up singles, "in your face" Dylan Loughran with a couple helpers and "the puck stops here" Brendan Bishop played sensational.

Sunday afternoon, another real barnburner this time the Avalanche taking it to the Freeze, winning 6 to 5. The "Big M" Mike Marianchuk with four in this one, Kameron Ballas with two. They say three times lucky. Well, not really, it wasn't

luck; these boys worked really hard to beat this team, and deserve all



doug BASSETT

Review Sports

the credit they get.

It just wasn't quite the same for the **Storm** this past weekend, playing against Hardisty on Saturday it was tough to get the same emotion going to top last week's performance. The girls holding on to a one goal lead for most of the game on a nice high wrist shot by Eryl Anton Roberts, from a lovely set up by defense woman Bret Hahn. Hardisty tying the game with only 1.33 left. A good game all the same, and a real close opportunity for Natalie Maas to score late in the game that would have given the Storm the win, Natalie's skating is improving and she did make some real nice passing plays to some of other players. Roseanne Jurak

showed us her aggressive style, spending some time in the sin bin, and some excellent back checking by Karly Shankowski, which may be one reason she has been selected to the first time ever Midget Girls All Star Game on Friday night in Bonnyville.

Six Storm players were selected to play for the north team: goalie Kristen Campbell, defense women Megan Proski and Bret Hahn, forwards Kristyn Ballas, Eryl Anton Roberts and Karly Shankowski. The game starts at 7:15 and will have scouts from various universities and colleges attending. Also there are some \$2000 worth of Oiler tickets to be won and about \$1000 in other prizes will be drawn that night. Good luck girls, you know we are all proud of you!

A close 1 to 0 score until very late in the second period - "And the wall come tumbling down" as Kurt "The Wall" Kozicky, bombarded by 40 shots, couldn't stop them all,

the Thunder losing 6 to 1 to Mannville on Friday night. Team captain Jason Kalynchuk scored the only goal, off an assist from Greg "Brick House" Kozicky. In all fairness to the Thunder, this is a very young team we have this year, only one player will be too old to play next year, and a number of these guys should still be playing bantam, including the little rookie Craig Dallaire, who broke his wrist in last week's game against Lashburn. Hey, and you know what, this kid is tough as nails, he didn't lay on the ice after he broke it, he skated off to the players box without stopping the play. Thumbs up to my little buddy, Craig!

Thirty below, and the Micro Novice Tornadoes got to sleep in for a whole extra hour and a half, on Saturday morning, starting their game at 10.30, they doubled Dewberry 10 to 5. Hat tricks for Logan Becker and Zachary Ference. Ryley Wozniak, Louis Stanley, Beaudon Rogers, and Justin Leppi also scoring.

You think the roads were bad, well; nothing is going to stop the Hurricanes who are 11 and 0 for the season, bringing home the hard-

ware winning the Mannville tournament: 12 to 8 over Viking in the first game. Brendan Rainey and Wyatt Dewan with hat tricks, Trevor Ballas and Tyson Moneta with two each, Tori Becker and Jamie Wozniak adding singles; 9 to 2 over the St. Paul Eagles. Brendan Rainey and Jamie Wozniak with hat tricks, Tori Becker with two and Andrew Jenner scoring a single. And in the final, the Hurricanes whipping another St. Paul team, this time the Falcons, 8 to 3. Brendan Rainey and Trevor Ballas with hat tricks, Tyson Moneta and Wyatt Dewan adding singles.

Big, big week coming up, starting tonight, Tuesday at 6 p.m., the Storm play Bonnyville for the first game of their provincial round robin, tomorrow the Avalanche plays

Bonnyville in their first game of provincial round robin and on Thursday night the Thunder plays Glendon also their first provincial game. Then on Friday the Thunder hosts Plamondon, the Avalanche hosts Lac La Biche on Saturday and has a double header against Provost on Sunday.

And now it's time to play the K. A. Campbell trivia question. Who was the last player to play in the N.H.L. without a helmet? Last week's answer to: "Who became the best-known female hockey player in the world in 1991/92 when she suited up for the Tampa Bay Lightning in a pre season game?" Manon Rheume.

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Pioneer Circle bingo winners

January 13, 2003

Olivia Redcrow \$30, Francis St. John \$45, Horace Jackson \$15, Judy Smith \$15, Elsie Oryschuk \$30, Ed Quinney \$30, Betsy Lumley \$30, Andrea Stanley \$45, Julia Okeymow \$40, Mildred Boyko \$44, Brenda Paul \$10, Muriel Cardinal \$15, Brenda Diesel \$30, Mary Paul \$30, Carol Maas \$49, Olga Lawrence \$8, Arthur Stanley \$8, Christina Desjarlais \$8, James Moosepayo \$8, Gloria Dostie \$30, Phyllis Zarowny \$30, Sophie Stamp \$71, Lloyd Gladue \$25, Richard Aulotte \$25, Bev Youngchief \$50, Vi Lillemoen \$152, Josie Zarowny \$17, Clyde Diesel \$17, Dan Aulotte \$34, Florence Demchuk \$17, Michell Moyah \$17.

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Desjarlais \$57, Mary Diesel \$15, Nicole Benson \$30, Percy Best \$15, Helen Trach \$45, Ken Morin \$35, Annie Zayac \$45, Ella Stanley \$18, Rose Cardinal \$17, Andrea Stanley \$17, Gladys Diesel \$209, Louise Millions \$42, Harry Shankowski \$42, Ken Stanley \$84.

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Due to the limited number of computers available, there is only space for 12 participants. First registered will be accepted. If registrations warrant, a second session will be offered on Friday, February 14, 2003 - 10:00 am at the same office.

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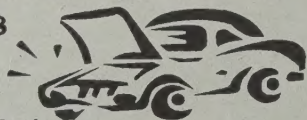
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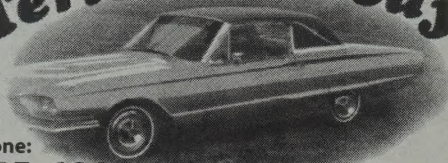
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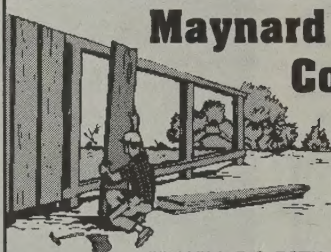
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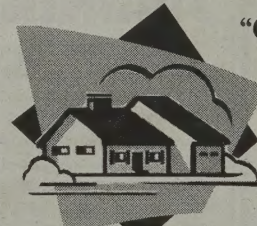
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By Daphne Schnurer
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tion of books and craft supplies for our storytime program.

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Boykos celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary

Serenades and good wishes were part of the celebration at Heritage Lodge on Saturday, January 25 as Bill and Mildred Boyko marked 60 years of marriage.

Mrs. Boyko recalled their wedding day on January 23, 1943, when they traveled to the Catholic Church in Derwent by horse and sleigh in minus 60°F temperatures for the wedding ceremony. "We had a little heater in the sleigh... it wasn't too bad," she recalled. After the ceremony, there was a party at her parents' home, "then we went to the farm. We had chores to do."

A photo of the one-room log house where they spent their early married life adorned the couple's table, along with a photo of the two in younger days. Sons Henry and Gary and daughter Judy were born while the Boykos lived in that house, and son Delmar after they built a new home on the farm where they spent their entire married life until they retired to Elk Point 20 years ago.

Mrs. Boyko now lives at Heritage Lodge and Mr. Boyko nearby at Parkview Extended

Care.

The Boykos received a number of congratulatory messages, from Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole, Premier Ralph Klein, MP Leon Benoit, Leader of the Opposition Stephen Harper,

General Adrienne Clarkson and Prime Minister Jean Chretien, however, son-in-law Bob Wasylishen said "the most important wishes come from all of you people."

Nephew Orest Boyko led the singing of the

traditional Ukrainian number, "Mnohylita" in the couple's honor, and was joined by the Boykos' son Delmar and daughter Judy and Nick and Ann Zayac to salute the Boykos with "For They are a Jolly Good Couple."



BILL AND MILDRED BOYKO cut a beautifully decorated cake marking their 60th wedding anniversary. In the background is Helen Rudd, 92, who played a pair of old-time songs for the couple on her harmonica.



SERENADED - Nephew Orest Boyko, son Delmar and daughter Judy Wasylishen are joined by Nick and Ann Zayac to serenade the couple with "For They are a Jolly Good Couple"

Congratulations!

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

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Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380, 724-3800 or 645-1950

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Many Albertans gamble as a form of recreation. For a small minority, however, gambling becomes a problem. If you or someone you know is experiencing personal, social or financial problems as a result of their gambling, confidential help is available. Call 1-800-665-9676.

New director takes over NLLS helm

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myself, the director, who looks at the system's vision. We need to create a vision, create ways to get to the vision, and get people to do the tasks to get us to that vision."

Part of that vision is growth, and Panciuk says three more communities have expressed interest in joining Northern Lights. We will be setting up meetings to show them the advantages of membership." He said NLLS will also be speaking with First Nations "to see how we could serve them."

Panciuk is "a community-type person. Communities are very important. If you ignore [the community], you will be ignored. This is our town, and we will do our thing with our town." He feels NLLS

needs "to work at being good corporate citizens. It doesn't take long to learn what hasn't been done in the past." He met with Town manager Myron Goyan before Christmas and is hoping to meet with Mayor Lyle Frisby in the near future.

An Alberta resident

since 1969, Panciuk went back to university in 1975 and got his Bachelor of Library Science degree a year later, taking a job at Concordia College where he was library director for 17 years. He later became involved with the first Internet service provider in

Alberta, which later became a multimedia CD-ROM production company. Most recently, he worked for Lakeland College in Vermilion and Lloydminster, first as Manager of Learning Resources and then as Director of Learning Services, "and then 22 positions were cut."

CHURCH SERVICES

Elk Point Baptist Church

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Pastor Jim MacLellan
Family Worship Service
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Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
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St. Vladmirs' Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Elk Point
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United Church of Canada
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Rev. Jope Langejans, 724-3616
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
"Come and be Welcomed -
Come and Be Nurtured"

Calvary Family Fellowship

Pastor Jerry Richards
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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays at 5109 - 59 Ave.
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Elk Point Christian Community Church

Phone 724-2493
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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

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1st Tuesday of the month: 4 p.m.
Mass at Extended Care
1st Friday of the month: 7 p.m.
Mass followed by Holy Hour/Benediction
Fridays: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Confessions: Before and after Mass and upon request

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community NEWS

Brain injury awareness expands with AABIN

If this is a typical year, the Alberta Acquired Brain Injury Network (AABIN) predicts that 5,000 adults in Alberta will survive a brain injury. Of these survivors, at least 1,800 will require supports for living in their home communities.

Examples of acquired brain injury include:

- traumatic brain injury, like a blow to the head from incidents such as an automobile accident, assault, fall or job related accident;
- brain tumors;
- brain infections like meningitis and encephalitis;
- lack of oxygen, like what happens when someone almost drowns;
- strokes;
- violent shaking, as in Shaken Baby Syndrome or some whiplash injuries;
- substance abuse from alcohol, drugs or solvents.

Changes after a brain injury can interfere with life. Some brain injury survivors will not successfully return to home, work or school and may need ongoing support. Recovery from a brain injury may take months or it may take years. Some

changes may be permanent. Brain injuries can lead to a number of problems. The most common symptoms include:

- poorer problem solving skills;
- language problems;
- personality changes and burst of emotion;
- physical problems (poor balance, problems with vision, headache, fatigue and physical disabilities such as problems walking, sitting, etcetera);
- problems in everyday living (poor memory and attention, difficulties planning and setting goals, slowed thinking, and problems understanding others or speaking clearly);
- problems with emotional control;
- problems with motivation and self-control;
- social problems.

The Alberta Acquired Brain Injury Network is an initiative by Alberta Community Development which has contracted community agencies throughout six regions of Alberta. In the northeast [east] region, St. Paul Abilities Network has accepted this opportunity in order to

address the needs of adult brain injury survivors in Lac La Biche, Vegreville, St. Paul, Bonnyville, Cold Lake and their surrounding communities. SPAN has hired two service coordinators whose initial focus is to provide support, outreach, coordination and education for brain injury survivors, their families and service providers. The service coordinators help survivors access resources which will assist them to live more independently and to optimize their quality of living. Supports for Community Living is an AABIN program which will provide up to 10 hours per week of one-on-one support to survivors. As well, the first edition of the Alberta Brain Injury Survival Guide, a resource for adults with acquired brain injury and their families, is now available. The survival guide provides basic information and support as well as information on some of the resources available in Alberta.

For additional information regarding the Alberta Acquired Brain Injury Network and the services it provides, call (780) 645-3441 or toll free 1-866-645-3900.

County halts bounty program

By Michelle Huley
Journal Staff

Ratepayers in the County of St. Paul won't be receiving any financial incentives to kill coyotes this year.

Councillors tabled the Coyote Reduction Incentive Program indefinitely at their Jan. 14 meeting, bringing it back from the Dec. 10 meeting

when it was initially tabled.

Reeve Robert Bouchard reported none of the surrounding municipalities, with the exception of Bonnyville, are continuing a bounty either.

"The other municipalities, they're not going there, no way," Bouchard said.

"I know there's definitely lots of them out there," Coun. Allen Young said. "The worst of it is there's no mice out there for them either."

There were 600 coyotes brought in to the county last year. The bounty was \$10 per

foot. One of the concerns with the problem was being unable to identify if the coyote came from the County of St. Paul, and therefore, how much the program was ultimately helping residents.

"I think if there's a problem, there's other things in place," Bouchard said, adding the county's agriculture department can provide poison in the form of cyanide pellets to ratepayers. He added most farmers won't let the lack of a bounty deter them from shooting coyotes bothering their cat-

tle. Coun. Don Mudryk suggested assisting ratepayers on an individual basis.

"What are we going to do at a place like Lottie Lake where there's a big coyote problem?" Coun. Frank Sloan questioned, adding firearms can't be used at the subdivision.

"This is a wildlife problem anyhow," said Bouchard. It should be dealt with on a provincial level. I'm not sure we should be a fix-it for every problem in the world here either."

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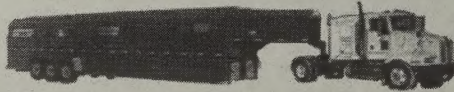


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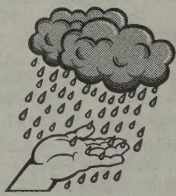
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